

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Number : 10/642,272 Confirmation No.: 3248  
Applicant : Fumiyuki HATTORI, *et al.*  
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Title : THERAPEUTIC METHODS AND AGENTS FOR DISEASES  
ASSOCIATED WITH DECREASED EXPRESSION OF AOP-1  
GENE OR AOP-1  
TC/Art Unit : 1632  
Examiner: : Marcia S. NOBLE, Ph.D.  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 15, 2008 ("Office Action"), in the above-captioned application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2; and

**Remarks** begin on page 6.